

# The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

## 2012 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

October 11–13, 2012  
JW Marriott Chicago  
Chicago, IL

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### Course Overview:

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery and the American College of Cardiology once again are partnering to bring together CT surgeons and cardiologists in a cooperative, case-based course to address the rapid advances in the treatment of valvular heart disease. With the tradition of interactivity and practical decision making, the unique Heart Valve Summit is designed to engage participants in discussions, debates, and potential controversies surrounding real-world cases using renowned faculty on the cutting edge of the clinically relevant data for valvular heart disease management.

This inter-disciplinary course emphasizes clinical decision making while combining the most relevant medical, surgical and interventional options for patient care. Tools for management are rapidly advancing and can have significant impacts for the entire care team. Breakout sessions for cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, and physician assistants are designed to involve the specialists in managing their unique challenges from the team perspective.

### Target Audience

This course is intended for cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, internists, nurses, physician assistants, and all health care professionals involved in the evaluation, diagnosis, and/or management of patients with valvular heart disease.

### Accreditation

#### Physicians

This course has been approved for *AMA PRA Category I Credits*<sup>™</sup>.

#### Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

## 2012 Heart Failure Summit

### 21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes

October 18-19, 2012  
Intercontinental Hotel & Bank of America Conference Center  
Cleveland, OH

The agenda and registration information are available at [www.ccfme.org/heartfailure12](http://www.ccfme.org/heartfailure12)

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### 2012 Kaufman Center Awardee and Lecturer

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### Program Overview

The Kaufman Center for Heart Failure at Cleveland Clinic and The American Association for Thoracic Surgery have partnered once again to present an educational event for all health care providers who care for patients with heart failure—*21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure: Synchronizing Surgical and Medical Therapies for Better Outcomes*. Heart failure is not only a growing and costly problem but also one that is associated with significant morbidity and mortality. The increasing prevalence of heart failure is due to the aging population as well as the marked increase in survival of patients who suffered from myocardial infarction and valvular disease.

The current state of management, however, is far from optimal. Moreover, the therapeutic armamentarium has remained stagnant since the introduction of resynchronization devices, with no new therapies in development. Given the undertreatment of heart failure and the lack of new therapies, the focus of management has shifted to optimizing existing medical and device therapies, including long-term mechanical circulatory support.

Now in its 15th year, this Summit will feature a faculty of world-renowned cardiologists and cardiovascular surgeons who will offer a clinically relevant review and discussion of current and future therapies for managing heart failure.

### Target Audience

This program is intended for cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, internists, nurses, physician assistants, perfusionists, and researchers involved in the management of patients with heart failure.

### Accreditation

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

### Nurses

For the purposes of recertification and relicensure, The American Nurses Credentialing Center accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME.

### Abstract Submission

The Heart Failure Summit invites you to submit abstracts of original investigation for consideration in the Poster Session on Thursday evening, October 18, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Abstracts previously presented at other national or international meetings will be accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the syllabus. **The deadline for submission is September 21, 2012.** Abstracts must be submitted by E-mail to [mavi@jamiebelkin.com](mailto:mavi@jamiebelkin.com). There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.

### AATS Online Award Applications

Now Available at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org), Deadline July 1, 2012

**Second John W. Kirklin Research Scholarship 2013–2015** provides an opportunity for research, training, and

experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery.

- Research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved North American cardiothoracic residency.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted during the candidate's first two years in an academic position.
- The scholarship will begin July 1, 2013, and conclude on July 1, 2015.
- The Scholarship provides an annual stipend of \$80,000 per year paid to the host institution for direct salary support and related research expenses

**Deadline: July 1, 2012**

**Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2013-2014** grants support for training of international surgeons who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership.

- Candidate must be a non-North American who plans a cardiothoracic surgery training program in a North American center and who has not had extensive (exceeding a total of six months in duration) clinical training in North America prior to submitting an application.
- Candidate should have completed his/her formal training in general surgery and in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, but should not have reached a senior position.
- The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$75,000 US, a major portion of which is intended for living and travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers

**Deadline: July 1, 2012**

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Applications for Membership

The WTSA Application for Membership is now online and must be submitted electronically. A candidate's application must include the following uploads: A photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and the three most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The candidate's electronic membership application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2012, and all support letters uploaded by that candidate's sponsors by March 31, 2012, in order for the candidate to be considered for election to membership at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Visit the

WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

### WTSA 38th Annual Meeting

June 27–30, 2012  
The Grand Wailea Hotel  
Maui, Hawaii

Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) and:

- View the scientific and social programs;